

Anno R^e R^{is}

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An Act for
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of Southborough.



Dividing the Town of Marl:
new Town there by the Name

Whereas the Southerly Part of the Town of Marlborough within the County of Middlesex is competently filled with Inhabitants, who labour under great Difficulties by their Remoteness from the Place of Publick Worship &c, and have thereupon made their Application to the said Town of Marlborough & have likewise address'd this Court that they may be sett off a distinct & separate Town & be vested with all the Powers & Privileges of a Town, And the Inhabitants of Marlborough having consented to their being sett off accordingly;

Be it therefore Enacted by the Lieutenant-Governour Council and Representatives in General Court assembled & by the Authority of the same, That the Southerly Part of the said Town of Marlborough as hereafter bounded & described be & hereby is set off & constituted a separate Township by the Name of Southborough; The Bounds of the said Town to be as followeth; Viz., Beginning at an Oak Tree by some called a Black Oak standing in Westborough Line, Then by Westborough Line to an Heap of Stones, where it meets with Framingham Line, Then turning Easterly by sundry mark'd Trees & Heaps of Stones until it comes to a Heap of Stones ^{South of} Troublesome Meadow, & from thence by mark'd Trees, being the ancient Bounds of Marlborough, until it comes to an Heap of Stones near the House of Daniel Minter, From thence extending in the ancient Bounds of Marlborough to a Dead Walnut, & from thence to an Heap of Stones in Framingham Line where it meets with the Lands still remaining to Marlborough & from thence by the several Monuments & Bounds express'd in the Vote of the Town for setting the same off, until it comes to the Oak Tree first mentioned; According to a Plat of the said Land taken by Sgt. William Ward & lodged in the Files of the General Court, And that the Inhabitants of the said ^{said} Lands as before bounded & described be & hereby are vested with the Powers Privileges & Immunities that the Inhabitants of any of the Towns within this Province are or ought by Law to be vested with; Provided the Grant of the said Township be not construed to affect the Rights & Properties of any Persons to Lands within the same, Provided also That the Inhabitants of the said Town of Southborough do within the Space of Eighteen Months from the Publication of this Act Erect & finish a suitable House for the Publick Worship of God, & procure & settle a learned orthodox Minister of good Conversation & make Provision for his comfortable & honourable Support, & likewise provide a School Master to instruct their Youth in Writing & Reading: And be it further Enacted that the Inhabitants of the said Town of Southborough who have not paid their Proportions to the Ministers Salary & other Expenses made in the Town of Marlborough to the Time of the Publication of this Act be still liable to pay the same in such Manner as heretofore; And the respective Constables of the said Town of Marlborough are hereby Directed & Impower'd to collect the same accordingly; Provided always that the said Inhabitants shall be entituled to & have the Benefit of any Town Rate or Tax in Marlboro already granted & made for the Use of the said Town only in as full & ample Manner as they were before their being set off & made a separate Township; Any thing herein contained to y Contrary Notwithstanding.

July. 6th 1727. This Bill having been Read three several Times in
the House of Representatives. ———— Pass'd to be Enacted. W^m Duellay Spr

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in Council ———— Pass'd to be Enacted: W. Tillard Secy.

By the Hon^{ble} the Lieutenant Governor
I Consent to the Enacting of this Bill. W^m Dummer